1987-88 में किया गया था । अप्रत्यक्ष आकलनों से यह ज्ञात होता है कि 1987-88 और अप्रैल, 1992 अर्थात् आठवीं पंचवर्षीय योजना का आरम्भ के बीच रोजगार में 1.8 प्रतिशत की औसत दर से वृद्धि हुई । इस वृद्धि के वर्षवार आकलन उपलब्ध नहीं हैं।

**Members of Family Pension Scheme**

56. SHRI VIREN J. SHAH : Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state :

(a) what are the salient features of the Employees Pension Scheme;

(b) what is the existing number of members of the Employees Family Pension Scheme and what benefits to their families will be given under the Scheme;

(c) the number of PF subscribers who are at present not members of the Family Pension Scheme; and

(d) what steps Government propose to take to enable these employees to become members of the new Pension Scheme ?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI PABAN SINGH GHATOWAR) :

(a) The salient features of the proposed Pension Scheme are as follows :

(i) The Scheme will not entail any further financial commitment on the part of the employees or employers;

(ii) Pension will be payable on monthly basis to

— employees superannuating at 58 years of age or leaving service earlier with qualifying service of 20 years subject to a minimum of 10 years of membership; pension being payable on the basis of average salary of the last five years of service;

— employees sustaining permanent total disablement during service;

— surviving spouse of the subscriber;

— two children/orphans in addition to surviving spouse.

(b) As on 31-3-1992, there were 136.68 lakh members in the Employees Family Pension Scheme. Under the proposed Pension Scheme, the family will be entitled to widow/widower pension and pension for children.

(c) and (d) As on 31-3-1992, there were 29.47 lakh subscribers who were not members of the Family Pension Scheme. Such subscribers will be given option to become members of the Employees Pension Scheme.

**पेंशन योजना के अंतर्गत पत्रकारों को उपलब्ध लाभ**

57. **श्री शंकर दयाल सिंह** : क्या श्रम मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) भविष्य निधि के अंतर्गत नई पेंशन योजना के क्रियान्वयन का लाभ कितने पत्रकारों को मिलेगा; और

(ख) इस योजना में विभिन्न समाचार-पत्रों और समाचार-एजेन्सियों के कितने पत्रकार आते हैं ?

**स्वास्थ्य और परिवार कल्याण मंत्रालय में उप मंत्री (श्री पवन सिंह घटोवर)** : (क) और (ख) उपलब्ध सूचना के अनुसार, 1-4-1993 से लागू होने वाली प्रस्तावित कर्मचारी पेंशन योजना से समाचार-पत्र तथा समाचार-एजेन्सी के लगभग 74,258 कर्मचारी तथा पत्रकार लाभ उठाएंगे ।

**Committee on Economic Protection to Labourers**

58. SHRI RAM NARESH YADAV : Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government have constituted any Committee to provide economic protection to the labourers engaged in agriculture and building constructions work;

(b) if so, whether the Committee have submitted its recommendations to Government;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) whether any action has been taken by Government on the recommendations of the Committee ?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI PABAN SINGH GHATOWAR) : (a) No, Sir.

(b) to (d) Do not arise.

**Bonded Labourers in India**

59. SHRIMATI KAMLA SINHA : Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that as many as 15 million people, including five million children work as bonded labourers in India;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof; and

(c) if not, what are the reasons that International Labour Organisation's figure is in sharp contrast to the Government's figure ?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI PABAN SINGH GHATOWAR : (a) and (b) According to official figures furnished by the State Governments 2,51,069 bonded labourers have been identified.

(c) The World Labour Report 1993 mentions that "the ILO Committee of Experts noted in 1991 estimates by Anti-slavery International that 5 million adults and 10 million children were bonded". Thus the figures quoted in the Report are the estimates of a private body and not necessarily that of the International Labour Organisation.

**Ratification ILO Convention on Occupational Safety**

60. MISS SAROJ KHAPARDE : Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government propose to ratify the ILO Convention on Occupational Safety in work environment and health of workers;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, what are the reasons therefor ?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI PABAN SINGH GHATOWAR) : (a) to (c) ILO Convention No. 155 concerning Occupational Safety, Health and Working Environment, which was adopted in 1981, applies to all branches of economic activity and to all workers with the possibility of excluding certain activities like maritime shipping or fishing. Although India has a large body of legislation on occupational safety and health, the main difficulty in the way of ratification has been the lack of statutory cover to economic activities in the unorganised sector such as agriculture, building and construction.

**ILO Assistance to Eliminate Child Labour**

61. SHRI VIREN J. SHAH : Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that the International Labour Organisation has extended a $ 2.5 million assistance this year to work towards eliminating child labour problem from India;

(b) if so, what are the details in this regard;

(c) what is the manner in which Government propose to allot the funds to Government and Non-Government agencies involved in child labour problems; and

(d) what are the details of their specific projects aimed at eliminating child labour, protecting the rights of working children, improving their working conditions, and educating them ?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI PABAN SINGH GHATOWAR) : (a) and (b) The Programme Steering Committee of ILO has earmarked US $ 2.25 million (equivalent to Rs. 6.97 crores approx.) for the International Programme on the Elimination of